

REMARKS

Claims 5-⁶~~8~~, 10, 11, 15-17 and ²⁰⁻²³~~19-21~~ are presented for examination.

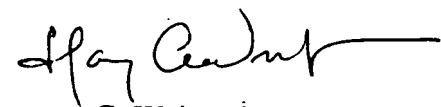
New independent Claim 21 has been drafted so as to distinguish over the Lalande 5,721,178, Tighe 4,704,310 and Good 5,728,440 references applied against the claims of the parent application. Lalande uses a silicone coating to assure a dry release of his labels from their carrier. Tighe uses UV-curable components, but his structure and processing is quite different and serves a different purpose. Tighe's release layer 20 is not frangible in the sense that it breaks cleanly and permanently away from the tag layer upon removal of a tag while continuing to adhere to the carrier; on the contrary, it splits when heated so that part of it adheres to each adjacent layer. The purpose of Tighe's curing is to provide a hard protective layer over the label after it has been attached to an object and separated from the carrier web. Thus, Tighe's layer 20 is not cured through one of the layers of his laminate as applicant does, but rather directly on the receiving object. Therefore, applicant submits, there is no suggestion in Tighe that his layer 20 could be substituted for Lalande's silicone layer to form a frangible bond by irradiation through a UV-transparent carrier while the tag layer is bonded to the carrier.

Regarding Good, applicant notes that his minor portion 15 does not remain on the carrier sheet when the major portion is removed, because it is not fully separated from the major portion.

With the foregoing considerations in mind, applicant respectfully solicits a favorable examination of the application as now presented.

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